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**RE: Patent Application No. 10/617,948**

**Examiner: Kenneth Whittington**

Dear Mr. Whittington,

Please find enclosed our official response to the Election/Restriction Requirement pursuant to Office communication dated May 31, 2005.

Please note that Kilpatrick Stockton LLP is no longer representing applicant. Future Office communication concerning this application should be addressed to (applicant):

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Payment for the one-month extension fee of \$60.00 as related to this application response was mailed to the Commission for Patents on June 29, 2005.

Sincerely,

  
Teodor Dogaru



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of : Teodor Dogaru      Examiner : Whittington, Kenneth  
Serial No. : 10/617,948      Art Unit : 2862  
Filing Date : 07/11/2003  
Title : Probes and Methods for Detecting Defects in Metallic Structures

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**ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:**

Sir:

This response is being submitted in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 31, 2005. Applicant is required to elect one of the following species of the claimed invention for further prosecution on the merits:

Species I, FIG. 5, claims 1, 2, 9-15, 18-26, 28 and 29;  
Species II, FIGS. 6 and 12, claims 3-5, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40, 41, 42-46, 49, 50 and 51;  
Species III, FIG. 7, claims 8 and 33;  
Species IV, FIGS. 8 and 11, claims 16, 17, 27, 30 and 31;  
Species V, FIGS. 9 and 10, claims 37, 38, 39, 41 and 48;  
Species VI, FIG. 13, claims 6 and 7.

Applicant hereby elects Species II, claims 3-5, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40, 41, 42-46, 49, 50 and 51. Further, Applicant respectfully traverses the description of the subject matter to which the claims are "drawn to", and points to the claims themselves as setting out the subject matter claimed.

Respectfully submitted,

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